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**Robert James Jonker**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1960  
Education: Calvin Col 1982 BA; Michigan 1985 JD  
Began Service: July 18, 2007  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, District Judge John F. Feikens, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan (1985-1987)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Warner Norcross & Judd LLP (1987-1993); Partner, Warner Norcross & Judd LLP (1994-2007)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; Grand Rapids Bar Association; State Bar of Michigan

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**Janet T. Neff**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1945  
Education: Wayne State 1970 JD  
Began Service: August 2007  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Michigan Court of Appeals (1970-1971)

**Government:** Assistant City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney, City of Grand Rapids, Michigan (1971-1973); Commissioner, Michigan Supreme Court (1978-1980); Assistant United States Attorney, Western District of Michigan, United States Department of Justice (1980)

**Legal Practice:** VanderVeen, Freihofer & Cook (1973-1978); William G. Reamon, PC (1980-1988)

**Current Memberships:** Grand Rapids Bar Association; State Bar of Michigan

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**Wendell A. Miles**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1916  
Education: Hope 1938 BA; Wyoming 1939 MA; Michigan 1942 JD  
Began Service: 1974  
Appointed By: President Richard M. Nixon

**Academic:** Instructor, Hope College (1948-1953); Instructor, American Institute of Banking (1954-1959)

**Government:** Prosecuting Attorney, State of Michigan (1949-1953); United States Attorney, Western District of Michigan, United States Department of Justice (1953-1960)

**Judicial:** Judge, Michigan Circuit Court, 20th Judicial Circuit (1970-1974); United States Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (1989-1996)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1948-1953); Partner, Miles, Mika, Meyers & Beckett (1961-1970)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1942-1947)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Federal Bar Association; Ottawa County Bar Association; State Bar of Michigan

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**Hugh W. Brenneman, Jr.**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1945  
Education: Alma 1967 BA; Michigan 1970 JD  
Began Service: April 1, 1980

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, Western Michigan University; Adjunct Professor, Grand Valley State University

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Marvin Salmon, Michigan Circuit Court, 30th Judicial Circuit (1970-1971)

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, Western District of Michigan, United States Department of Justice (1974-1977)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1977-1980)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1971-1974)

**Current Memberships:** The American Inns of Court; The District of Columbia Bar; Federal Bar Association; Federal Magistrate Judges Association; Historical Society of the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan; State Bar of Michigan

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**James D. Gregg**

Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
Education: Michigan State 1969 BS; Central Michigan 1973 MA; Wayne State 1977 JD  
Began Service: June 1, 1987  
Term Expires: 2015

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, Thomas M. Cooley Law School (1990); Adjunct Professor, Thomas M. Cooley Law School (1994-1997)

**Judicial:** Chief Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Michigan

**Legal Practice:** Auditor and Law Clerk, Schmier, Fealk & Ellis (1974-1977); Schmidt, Howlett, Van't Hof, Snell & Vana (1977-1983); Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt & Howlett (1983-1987)

**Current Memberships:** American Bankruptcy Institute; American College of Bankruptcy; Grand Rapids Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; State Bar of Michigan

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**Jeffrey R. Hughes**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1954  
Education: Michigan 1977 BA, 1980 JD  
Began Service: January 6, 2000  
Term Expires: January 2014  
Political Affiliation: Independent



**Legal Practice:** Associate and Partner, Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt & Howlett LLP (1980-1999)

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